

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Christopher M. Bowman on January 8, 2015 at 9:13 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

Dept. of Consumer Protection:

Karen Layman, Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Dept. of Labor:

Ken Duff

Public present:

None

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed and voted to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2014 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as amended. Board Members Melissa Sheffy and Jim Piccoli abstained.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON TO APPEAL:

Jonathan Segreto, Trumbull, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

Mr. Segreto did not appear or submit additional documentation for the Board's review. The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Segreto's (P-2) application due to lack of on the job training and related instruction.

APPLICATIONS:

Allan D'Antonio, Branford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. D'Antonio's (P-2) application due to lack of apprenticeship completion, related instruction and on the job training.

In addition, the Board voted unanimously to refer this application and attached employer letter indicating unlicensed activity to DCP Trade Practices Division for investigation into alleged plumbing and heating/cooling work activity.

Gzim Kastrati, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Kastrati's (P-2) application due to lack of registered apprenticeship.

Moises Ortiz-Pastor, Peekskill, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Ortiz-Pastor's (P-2) application due to lack of proof of on the job training hours as required.

Jonathan Spano, Bedford Hills, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Spano's (P-2) application due to lack of registered apprenticeship and related instruction. Board Member Chris Bowman abstained.

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Petro Khmel, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Khmel's (P-2) application due to lack of related instruction.

APPEALS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Kenneth Pierce, Westerly, RI – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pierce's (P-2) application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirements

No new discussion took place. Chairperson Charles Appleby is in attendance at today's Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition meeting and will report back to the Board next month.

2. Public Act 14-199, Substitute Senate Bill No. 235 - An Act Concerning Revisions to the Transportation Statutes.

No new discussion took place on this topic.

3. State of Connecticut Regulation of the Department of Consumer Protection Concerning Aeration Piping System Work

No new discussion took place on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Discussion on PSI testing

Frank DaCato expressed his concerns over the fact that the PSI allows applicants to take the 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2012 Code Books into the examination, however, Connecticut adheres to the 2003 Code when installing such plumbing work on site.

Director Richard M. Hurlburt stated that this practice stems from a lack of availability of the 2003 Code Book, and that the questions on the examination are formatted in such a way that any of these Code Book versions can be used. The test is based on minimum competency and general knowledge questions.

In addition, Director Hurlburt stated that the examination is designed to test entry-level persons. The codes and standards, on the average, change every three years. During the 4 to 5 year apprenticeship program taken by the majority of applicants they will see the change occur, and the instructors of such apprentices teach the apprentice **how to use the codes and standards**, which will be subject to change during the entire career in any licensed occupational area.

The PSI examination review of the P-1 and P-2 license types will take place in April of 2015 and all Board members are encouraged to attend.

2. New Commissioner Appointed

The Board requested that newly appointed Commissioner Jonathan Harris be invited to attend an upcoming meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms

Board so noted.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report consisting of open cases submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division dated 2/10/10 to 1/7/15, and a complaint report consisting of closed cases dated 2/10/10 to 1/7/15.
2. The Board inquired about the number of cases that they referred to Trade Practices for investigation in the year 2014. Frank DaCato and Karen Layman will confirm the number of cases and provide the Board with this information.
3. Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, appeared before the Board. Melissa Sheffy inquired about legislation included in Public Act No. 14-210, in which the Department is required to provide an annual report consisting of complaints and other related information regarding such complaints. Richard Maloney confirmed that he is aware of this and is currently generating this report for 2014 complaints, which is due January 15, 2015.
4. Richard Maloney confirmed that he will be submitting a report of closed complaints for the entire year of 2014 for the next meeting, per the Board's request.
5. Richard Maloney provided a summary on the progress being made within the Trade Practices Division with regards to the enforcement of licensure laws, and stated that they are moving in a positive direction. Discussion took place on procedures for investigations and recent site visits.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule

- February 19, 2015
- March 12, 2015
- April 9, 2015
- May 14, 2015
- June 11, 2015
- July 9, 2015
- August 13, 2015
- September 10, 2015
- October 8, 2015
- November 12, 2015
- December 10, 2015

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut